Amendments to the Claims

1-12. (canceled).

13. (previously presented) A method for configuring an automated banking machine comprising:

a) receiving a certificate through operation of the banking machine;

b) authenticating at least one digital signature associated with the certificate through operation of the banking machine;

c) configuring the banking machine responsive to the certificate and authentication of the at least one digital signature in step (b).

14. (original) The method according to claim 13, wherein in step (a) the certificate includes the digital signature, wherein in step (b) the digital signature is authenticated responsive to a public key of a licensing authority.

15. (original) The method according to claim 13, wherein in step (a) the certificate corresponds to at least one software component authorized to be installed on the banking machine, and further comprising installing the at least one software component on the banking machine.

16. (original) The method according to claim 13, wherein in step (a) the certificate includes a plurality of sets of configuration rules each set corresponding to at least one of a plurality of automated banking machines, and wherein in step (c) the banking machine is enabled to be configured responsive to at least one set.

17. (original) The method according to claim 13, wherein the certificate further includes an expiration parameter, and further comprising:

d) determining through operation of the banking machine responsive to the expiration parameter that configuration of the software on the machine is not authorized; and

e) preventing configuration of software on the banking machine responsive to the determination in step (d).

18. (original) The method according to claim 13, wherein in step (a) the certificate includes an identification value unique to the banking machine.

19. (original) The method according to claim 18, further comprising prior to step (c):

determining through operation of the banking machine that the identification value corresponds to a hardware embedded identification value in the banking machine.

20. (original) The method according to claim 13, wherein in step (a) the certificate includes a terminal identification value, wherein step (c) includes associating the machine with the terminal identification value.

21. (original) The method according to claim 20, further comprising:

d) determining that the terminal identification value has changed; and

e) preventing the machine from performing at least one transaction function responsive to the determination in step (d).

22. (original) The method according to claim 13, wherein step (a) includes retrieving the certificate from a licensing authority.

23. (original) The method according to claim 13, wherein step (a) includes receiving the certificate from a server in operative connection with the banking machine.

24. (currently amended) Computer readable media bearing instructions which are operative to cause a computer in an automated banking machine to carry out the method steps ~~of~~ of:

a) receiving a certificate through operation of the banking machine;

b) authenticating at least one digital signature associated with the certificate through operation of the banking machine;

c) configuring the banking machine responsive to the certificate and authentication of the at least one digital signature in step (b).

25-27. (canceled)

28. (new) A method for configuring a cash dispensing automated teller machine (ATM) comprising:

a) receiving at least one digitally signed certificate through operation of the ATM, wherein the ATM includes a cash dispenser and at least one processor, wherein the at least one certificate includes at least one serial number;

b) verifying through operation of the at least one processor that the at least one serial number included in the at least one certificate corresponds to at least one serial number associated with at least one hardware device of the ATM;

c) responsive to (b), configuring the ATM through operation of the at least one processor responsive to the at least one digital certificate.

29. (new) The method according to claim 28, wherein the at least one certificate includes at least one digital signature; and further comprising:

d) prior to (c) authenticating the at least one digital signature through operation of the at least one processor;

wherein (c) is carried out responsive to (b) and (d).

30. (new) The method according to claim 29, wherein (a) includes receiving the at least one certificate from a server in operative connection with the ATM through a network.

31. (new) The method according to claim 30, wherein the at least one hardware device corresponds to at least one of a keypad, a card reader, the cash dispenser, a printer, a depositor, a CPU, and a network device.

32. (new) The method according to claim 30, wherein prior to (c) the ATM is not enabled to perform at least one transaction function involving the operation of the at least one hardware

device, wherein in (c) configuring the ATM includes enabling the ATM to perform the at least one transaction function involving the operation of the at least one hardware device.

33. (new) The method according to claim 33, wherein in (c) the at least one transaction function includes dispensing cash, wherein further comprising:

e) dispensing cash from the ATM through operation of the cash dispenser.

34. (new) The method according to claim 30, wherein (c) includes configuring the ATM responsive to at least one key provided in the at least one certificate.